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SUBJECT: SIXTH SEMIANNUAL CSCE IMPLEMENTATION
REPORT

REF: USNATO 4362

1. DEPARTMENT HAS REVIEWED SIXTH SEMIANNUAL CSCE
IMPLEMENTATION REPORT PREPARED BY NATO IS AND FINDS
IT AN EXCELLENT DOCUMENT WITH BALANCED AND
COMPREHENSIVE PRESENTATION. FOLLOWING ARE SOME
SUGGESTED GENERAL AND SPECIFIC COMMENTS FOR YOUR
GUIDANCE.

2. WITH REGARD TO AVAILABILITY OF WESTERN NEWSPAPERS,
WE RECEIVED REPORT IN FEBRUARY 78 THAT SOME 32 WESTERN
NEWSPAPERS WERE AVAILABLE IN AT LEAST TWO NEWSTANDS
IN KIEV HOTELS. THOUGH A WEEK LATE AND EXPENSIVE,
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PAPERS INCLUDED INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE,
LONDON TIMES, FINANCIAL TIMES, AND LE SOIR.
RECENT TIGHTENING OF ACCESS BY LOCALS TO
INTOURIST HOTELS, HOWEVER, MAY BE RELATED TO SUDDEN
APPEARANCE OF THESE PAPERS.

3. WITH REGARD TO WORKING CONDITIONS FOR JOURNALISTS,

WE NOTE THAT RECENT EXPULSION OF AP JOURNALIST
ROBERT REID FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA HAS NOT YET BEEN
INCORPORATED IN REPORT. ALSO, IN OUR EXPERIENCE
RECENT SOVIET CLAIM OF OPENING CERTAIN CLOSED
REGIONS TO FOREIGN TRAVEL REMAINS LARGELY
UMIMPLEMENTED IN PRACTICE.

4. FOLLOWING SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS ARE GEARED TO
PAGES AND PARAGRAPHS OF ISD/189 ANNEX:

A) PAGE 5, PARA 10, LAST LINE: DESPITE TOUGH
APPROACH IN FEBRUARY, LECTURES CONTINUED WITHOUT
INTERFERENCE IN FOLLOWING MONTHS.

B) PAGE 12, PARA 35, ADD: US/SOVIET BINATIONAL
MARRIAGE CASES CONTINUE TO BE ENCUMBERED WITH LONG
DELAYS IN RESOLUTION.

C) PAGE 12, LINE 5 FROM TOP, CHANGE SUDDEN TO
"SMALL."

D) PAGE 13, PARA 37, ADD: THERE HAVE BEEN ENCOURAGING
INCREASES IN SOVIET PURCHASES OF TRANSLATION RIGHTS
AND US BOOKS, THOUGH CONFIRMED AGGREGATE FIGURES ARE
NOT AVAILABLE.

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